

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 28, 2015  
6:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

The City of Girard Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Kurt Ziegler, City Clerk, Debra Smith, calling roll to determine quorum present. The following council members answered roll: Sheldon DeLange, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward; Kelly Peak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward; Daniel Murray, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward; and Mike West, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. There was a quorum present.

Also present were City Administrator, Chris Weiner and City Attorney, Richard D. Loffswold, Jr.

A motion by Delange, seconded by Murray, approve the agenda as presented tonight. Motion carried.

A prayer was given by DeLange.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The meeting opened with a hearing for the AF & AM Lodge #93 located at 107 E. Prairie Avenue. Danny Murray, Lodge representative, agrees the dilapidated structure needs to be torn down, but waiting to hear from lawyers and Insurance Co. The hearing closed at 6:47 P.M. on a motion by West, seconded by Peak. Aye-DeLange, Peak and West. Abstained- Murray. Motion carried.

The meeting was called into executive session at 6:47 P.M. for Attorney/Client Privileges to include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator and City Attorney for the period of 10 minutes, on a motion by West, seconded by DeLange. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed at 6:58 P.M.

Motion by West, seconded by DeLange, approve Resolution No. 2015-8 with noted change of date to June 28, 2016 for the building to be removed. Aye-DeLange, Peak, West. Abstained- Murray. Motion carried.

Chamber Director, Julie Smith, was present to inform Council of a Façade Program for revitalization of building fronts that is a work in progress and asked to encumber the \$2500 in the Industrial Development fund to help start this program. The finalized program will be presented to council at a later date. Motion by West, seconded by Murray, encumber \$2500 from the 2015 budget, titled Downtown Development Program. Motion carried.

Motion by Peak, seconded by DeLange, approve hiring Public Works Crew Member, Randall Crown at the rate of \$12.00 per hour with an increase of \$12.50 upon satisfactory 6 month probationary period. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLange, seconded by Peak, set special meeting workshop to discuss comprehensive plan, January 5, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLange, approve payments to Allgeier Martin and Assoc. in the amount of \$12,348.12. Motion died for a lack of second.

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Motion by Peak, seconded by West, set special meeting for a 2016 goal setting workshop on Thursday Jan. 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The consent agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Peak, seconded by DeLange. Aye- DeLange, Peak, Murray. Abstained- West. Motion carried.

At 7:30 P.M. the meeting was called into executive session for Attorney/Client Privileges to discuss contracts for a period of 20 minutes, to include Mayor, Council, City Administrator and City Attorney on a motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed at 7:50 P.M. At 7:52 P.M. the meeting was called back into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss performance for a period of 10 minutes, to include Mayor, Council, City Administrator and City Attorney on a motion by West, seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed at 8:04 P.M.

Motion by Murray, seconded by West, raise Cliff Scale's rate of pay to \$22.50 per hour and raise Brandon Foraker's rate of pay to \$22.00 per hour starting the next pay period. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to adjourn, died for a lack of second.

Administration reported some informational details to council, which included that the city office would be closed to the public at noon on December 31, 2015 for year end financials.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. on a motion by Murray, seconded by Peak. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

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KURT ZIEGLER, MAYOR

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DEBRA J. SMITH, CMC, CITY CLERK